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I'm a fireman at engine # 2, at 474, S. Main, Memphis. My service will be 13 years in July. I've been at engine # 2 since Aug. 24, 1966.

Details are run on the basis of longest time working on a particular piece of equipment. Newsome works out of engine # 2 on truck # 5. I work on pumper # 2. Normally details would be rotated. On 1st of April I drew a detail to engine house # 3. Normally 4 men would pull a detail before it would be my time again. But on April 3rd, my next duty day, I pulled a detail again at 10:30 P.M. in the middle of my shift. I was sent to engine house # 33 and I've been there ever since, and normally I would have returned on the 5th to engine house # 2.

I would say I wasn't needed at 33. The company I was detailed to, rides with 4 men. I made the 5th man. On Friday April 5 I understand the man who would be scheduled to be detailed after me was supposed to be detailed to engine # 3. Instead he was returned to engine # 2 so our unit would not be short handed. On April 10 I called personnel to find out where I should be detailed & they assigned me again to engine # 33.

It seems like they was trying to get rid of me for some reason.

On April 3rd two Negro officers were observing the Loraine Motel through the rear windows of the engine house # 2. They arrived somewhere in the neighborhood of 1:00 pm. Wednesday. One watched through the window of the southmost rear door and the other lay up on top of a row of lockers along the back wall looking out the window. They were relieved sometime that night. I overheard them say they were going to Mason Temple. One said, Hell I sure hate to go down to that temple tonight"

Two more ~~white~~ officers came in later, went back to the locker room and stayed 2 or 3 minutes and then left. One of the officers was Lieut. Papier. The Negro officers were Estes Reddick and officer Richardson.

I saw Richardson today. he said officer Taylor was resigning from the force to become a U.S. Deputy Marshall. I think he's being moved out of town.

On the third there were 2 unmarked cruisers on Butler St. E. of Mulberry. There was one on Mulberry in front of the hotel. At one time there were police on the motel parking lot. (drawing)

Man who owns equipment parking lot, locks his lot at sundown and leaves key at the fire station.

I estimate I saw about 10 police around the motel on Wednesday.

The only hint I got of why I was transferred was a fireman said somebody told the motel people there were policemen in the fire station. Maybe they thought I was that person.

I have never drawn more than one day detail in succession in my 13 years experience as a fireman.

Detail assignments are normally made by the company officer, Capt. Richard Johnson.

Floyd Newsome complained to his deputy chief Barnett that he didn't like his detail and asked why he was being detailed for so long. Barnett told him he didn't know, that the orders were coming from over his head. This would probably mean from Chief of Fire dept. Hamilton or from Holloman.

I have listened to the above statement made by me. It is correct to the best of my knowledge.

The Negro officers observing from the fire dept. were observing the rooms people walked into. They were writing down the numbers of the rooms people walked into. I heard him say "that room (second from Butler St. on top deck of Lorainne Motel) must be headquarters. There's more of them going in and out of that room.

Over the window of the door they put newspaper. I gave them the masking tape to put it up. They tore two holes in the newspaper to look through. Reddick was standing in the door. He said "Hell, they can see me as easily as I can see them." Then he asked me for some newspaper to put over the door. They had a pair of binoculars. I even used them. Reddick named off 3 or 4 names. The only one I remember was a man they called "baby Jesus."

I have read the above and it accurately reflects what I said.